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**FRONT PLATE (amended)**  
  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-referenced patent application, please amend the enclosed above-titled International patent application as follows.

**In the Specification:**

Page 1, line 1, change the title to "**BEHIND THE EAR HEARING AID WITH FRONT PLATE**".

Page 1, line 2, after the title, insert the following "**Background of the Invention**".

Page 1, lines 3-4, please delete "according to the preamble of Claim 1".